

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Original)** A coated workpiece comprising a substrate, an intermediate metallic layer coated on said substrate, and a layer coated on said intermediate layer, which includes an aluminum/magnesium alloy.

2. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the surface of the substrate is electrically conductive.

3. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the substrate contains a metal and/or a metal alloy and/or is a metallized substrate.

4. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the substrate contains constituents selected from ~~the group of~~ iron, steel, iron alloy, nonferrous metals, pressure-cast zinc, pressure-cast aluminum, titanium, titanium in the form of an alloy, magnesium, pressure-cast magnesium, or mixtures thereof, ~~the above mentioned metals preferably being present as alloy components in the substrate.~~

5. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the intermediate layer contains iron, iron and nickel, tin and nickel, nickel, cobalt, copper, chromium, molybdenum, vanadium or alloys of said ~~the above mentioned~~ metals.

6. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the intermediate layer has a layer thickness of from 0.1 μm to 30 μm .

7. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the layer coated on the intermediate layer, which contains an aluminum/magnesium alloy, ~~preferably~~ contains from 0.5 to 70 wt.-% magnesium.

8. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the layer coated on the intermediate layer, which contains an aluminum/magnesium alloy, has a layer thickness of from 0.1 μm to 100 μm .

9. **(Currently amended)** The coated workpiece according to Claim 1 ~~one or more of the preceding claims, wherein~~ characterized in that the coated workpieces are rack goods, bulk materials, or continuous products, ~~the coated workpiece preferably being a wire, a metal sheet, a screw, a nut, a concrete anchorage, or a machine component part.~~

10. **(Original)** A method for the production of a coated workpiece, comprising the steps of:

- a) coating an intermediate metallic layer on a substrate, and
- b) coating a layer containing an aluminum/magnesium alloy on said intermediate metallic layer.

11. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 10, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the intermediate metallic layer is deposited from an aqueous solution or from a non-aqueous solution in step a).

12. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim ~~10 or~~ 11, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the intermediate metallic layer is electrodeposited from an aqueous electrolyte in step a).

13. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 10, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the layer including an aluminum/magnesium alloy is deposited from an anhydrous electrolyte in step b).

14. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 13, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the layer including an aluminum/magnesium alloy is electrodeposited from said anhydrous electrolyte in step b).

15. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to Claim one or more of claims 10 to 14, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ an electrically conductive layer is coated on the substrate prior to coating the intermediate metallic layer in step a).

16. **(Currently amended)** The method for the production of a coated workpiece according to claim 15, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the electrically conductive layer is coated on the substrate by means of metallization.

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17. (New) The coated workpiece according to Claim 4, wherein the substrate contains constituents selected from alloys of iron, steel, iron alloy, nonferrous metals, pressure-cast zinc, pressure-cast aluminum, titanium, magnesium, pressure-cast magnesium, or mixtures thereof.

18. (New) The coated workpiece according to Claim 9, wherein the coated workpieces are selected from a wire, a metal sheet, a screw, a nut, a concrete anchorage, or a machine component part.